

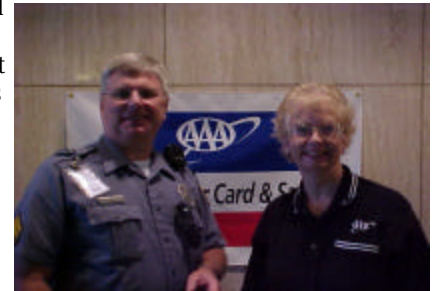


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## **Crime Free Dollars** ***A Larceny From Auto Awareness Program***

The citizens of Lincoln suffer approximately one million dollars in loss due to larceny from auto annually. Some of the most frequently targeted vehicles appear to be those owned by high school and college age people. In the spring of 2003 the Lincoln Police Crime Prevention Unit teamed up with AAA Insurance and the Crime Free Dollars program was initiated. How the program works : (1) Officers contact students at the six Lincoln public high schools and ask them to make sure their vehicles are locked and their valuables are either removed from the car or concealed; (2) The school parking lots are then randomly surveyed and the license numbers of the vehicles in compliance are recorded. (3) A drawing is then held for each high school and the student drawn is then awarded \$50 in cash provided by AAA Insurance. Including this years winners, AAA Insurance has paid out \$850. This year's winner are:



Sergeant Mike Siefkes of the Crime Prevention Unit and  
AAA Office manager Marilyn Muir.

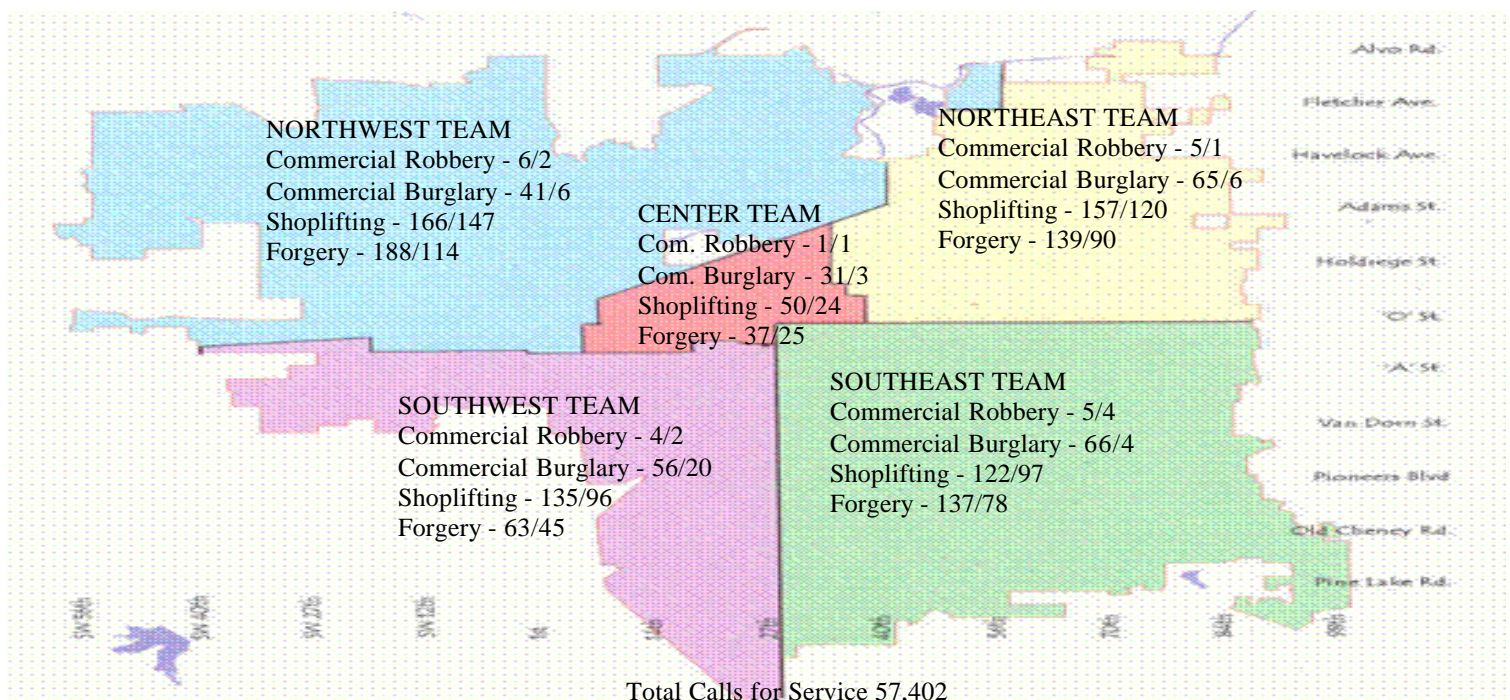


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| ◇ Nichole Chrastil | North Star High School |
| ◇ Lindsey Honnens  | Southwest High School  |
| ◇ Sean Haar        | Northeast High School  |
| ◇ Elliott Cain     | Southeast High School  |
| ◇ Chris Blair      | Lincoln High School    |
| ◇ Kathryn Huebner  | East High School       |

## **CRIME TRENDS**

Between 1-1-05 thru 5-31-05

The first number will be the number of reported incidents. The second number is how many incidents have been cleared with an arrest.



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Lincoln Police Department  
Crime Prevention Unit  
575 S. 10th Street

Return Service Requested

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### **Scams: A Thief's Search for Easy Money**

Business owners, managers or employees who oversee or have access to sums of money often become the target of those who seek contributions or donations, from your account. These scams typically begin with some “tale of woe”. According to the supervisor of the Technical Investigations Unit, Sgt. Dennis Duckworth, these tales are a way to ask you to help the scam artist launder money. In the past these scams were sent through the mail. Today, faxes and emails are the quickest way to reach literally thousands of potential victims in a short period of time.

Examples of these scams range from family death inheritance schemes, free trips, chances to obtain fraudulent government grants and foreign lotteries. Usually the plan tries to entice someone by making a limited time offer that sounds too good to be true. Remember, there is nothing that is 100% and absolutely free. At some point you are asked to respond either via e-mail, phone etc. and to send money or provide financial account information to them. **DON'T DO IT!!!** Providing this kind of information can allow access to banking/ checking accounts, social security numbers and all types of credit information. If you think you have received something that just does not seem quite right chances are it's not. Don't be pressured by anyone wanting this type of information. Ask yourself why would a perfect stranger pick you - another perfect stranger - to share a fortune with. If you have questions call the Lincoln Police Department. Don't second guess yourself, if it sounds phony it probably is.. For other questions contact:



- Attorney General Consumer Protection 800-727-6432
- Better Business Bureau 800-649-6814
- Charity Registration 402-471-4070
- National Do Not Call Registry 888-382-1222